

# Torrance Boy Reported Prisoner of Chinese Communists

## Safety of Arellano Starts Celebration

News that Private First Class Daniel Arellano is still alive, this week set off a wave of celebrations in Pueblo, Torrance's own Mexican-American community.

Arellano, who enlisted at 17 in August, 1949, was one of the first boys from this area to be reported missing in action in the Korean War, it was disclosed. He served with the Seventh Infantry Division when he disappeared.

When asked how she felt, his mother Josephine Gutierrez who lives at the Eureka apartments and works at the El Toreo Cafe declared: "How can I cross all my fingers. I can hardly believe it's true until I really see him."

Mrs. Gutierrez said that she was sitting in the Orpheum theater, December 18 when the list of missing soldiers held by the Communists was flashed on the screen.

**MOTHER EXCITED**  
"It was about 9:45," declared the excited mother. "It was my Danny's name that was flashed on the screen. There it was plainly 'Daniel Arellano, serial number 19358376.' I just hope the truce talks don't break down."

For a moment she couldn't talk. Then she continued: "The day after I found out that Danny was still alive, I went shopping. I still can't believe it. You know I haven't been able to look at war pictures for a long time."

Fiction couldn't be more dramatic than the Arellano true life story. On January 7, 1951, the U. S. War Department informed the family that their son had been missing in action since Dec. 2, 1950.

However, the family couldn't tell Danny's mother. She was critically ill in St. Elizabeth's hospital in Yakima, Washington.

"I didn't find out that Danny was missing until April," declared Mrs. Gutierrez. "At that time they thought I was stronger and could stand the shock. I can still remember. They gave me the war department telegram at the top of some steps in the hospital. I fainted, rolled down the stairs and broke my wrist. Look, I've still got a scar!"

**DANNY MISSING**  
Even though Danny was reported missing in action, the family really never believed he was dead. As early as March, 1951, word trickled through to his father that Danny was still alive. Danny sent a letter in which he said he was getting along as well as could be expected.

In May, the U. S. War Department informed the family that their son's name had been mentioned over the enemy radio station in Peking.

The government said that relatives could write to Danny by addressing the letter to the War Department. One letter per month could be forwarded to the Chinese Peoples Committee for World Peace in Peking, China, it was revealed. No guarantee was made that Danny would actually get to see the letter.

His sister, Mrs. Virginia Ortega, 24, who lives at 3462 Emerald, said that she wrote to Danny regularly once a month but never found out whether he received the letters.

**NEPHEW BORN**  
"You know since Danny enlisted," declared Mrs. Ortega, three nephews and one niece were born, and he hasn't seen any of them. (Continued on Page 10)

## County Chooses Basin Director

County Engineer William J. Fox has been designated by the Board of Supervisors to serve on the directorate of West Basin Water Association representing County Water Works Districts Nos. 13 and 22.

It is believed that representatives of the Dominguez section of West Basin will request annexation to West Basin District January 7th at the meeting of the West Basin Board. If this annexation is accomplished, and if the Inglewood election is successful, all West Basin territory will be in Metropolitan except the City of Hawthorne.



JOSEPHINE GUTIERREZ

## Window Winners Selected

Results of the Christmas window decorating contest sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce were announced this week by Tony Ryback, chairman of the committee.

First prize in the jewelry classification went to Allen's Jewelers, 1321 Sartori. McMahan's Furniture Store, 1306 Sartori, took first place honors in the furniture store competition.

Treske's Mens Wear, 1319 El Prado, was adjudged best in the men's women's and children's apparel section. In the open classification, into which miscellaneous businesses were grouped, Torrance Florist Shop, 1400 Cravens, won first place.

Honorable mentions went to La Galeria Florists, 1657 Gramercy; George's Do Nut Shop, 1340 El Prado; La Tienda Gift Shop, 1620 Gramercy; and Parrish Stationers, 1415 Marcelina.

Contest judges were Tony Ryback, chairman; Don Carpenter, Wayne Morse, Cliff Taylor and John D'Ornelles.

## Precincts Chosen For Water Bonds

Whether Torrance continues to expand will to some extent depend on water, many public officials agree. The special water bond election has been set for January 8. Here are the polling precincts:

Higgins Brick and Tile Company, 2217 W. 174th Street; 1313 Fern Ave.; 1743 Andree Ave.; 736 Border Ave.; 2305 Torrance Blvd.; 1323 Beech Ave. (Rear); 1804 Arlington Ave.; 2204 Andree Ave.; 2079 Reynosa Dr.; 1613 Madrid Ave.; Community Building, 3851 242nd St.; 908 Coia Ave.; 1609 Amapola Ave. (Rear); 1920 Andree Ave.; Church Annex, 24404 Hawthorne Ave.

1307 Portola Ave. 904 Crenshaw Blvd.; 22203 Ocean Ave. (Corner of Sepulveda Ave.); Recreation Center, 3616 W. 174th St.; 2520 Eldorado St.; 1350 Engracia; 23425 So. West-ern Ave.; 5321 Linda Dr.; 1812 Reynosa Dr.; 23077 Doris Way; 5112 Macafee Rd.; 2435 Cabrillo; 3521 Senefeld Dr.; 3319 W. 171st St.; and 2250 W. 182nd St.

## Adult Recreation Building to Start

Bids for the Adult Recreation building to be located on the rear lot of the Torrance City Library in the patio are now being received by the City Council, it was revealed this week.

Closing date for bids is Jan. 8 at 8 p.m. when the City Council will meet in regular session.

The new building will be equipped with a snack bar, all types of games, such as shuffle board, horse shoes and even indoor sports, it was reported.

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## Markland Gives \$300 Merchandise Award to Winner

Terry, a "doggone" lucky pooch, really had something to bark about today. His mistress, Mrs. Jean S. De Lord, 1211 El Prado, who is a former actress and conductor of women's orchestra starred in a new venture last Friday. And it was all because of Terry.

Charles Markland, manager of McMahan's Furniture Store in Torrance, served as master of ceremonies for Mrs. De Lord's latest comeback. He presented her with a \$300 Crosley merchandise certificate for her winning essay on "What the American Way of Life Means to Me."

The presentation of the prize winning award took place at McMahan's Furniture Store, last Friday at 3:30 p.m. It was a real debut with the local newspaper cameras clicking. The audience was provided by McMahan's customers who were busily occupied in buying new furniture for the holiday season.

"If it hadn't been for Terry," Mrs. De Lord confessed, "I wouldn't have entered the contest. You know I am a widow, and Terry is my best friend. I think I'll get a new Crosley Sheldor with the merchandise certificate," she said.

Mrs. De Lord also had a chance to contribute to her favorite charity. She chose the Salvation Army and J. C. Bell representing that organization's South Bay Regional office in Redondo Beach was at McMahan's to accept a \$100 check which Crosley contributed.

Judges for the "American Way" contest were Publishers M. L. Owens of the Torrance Press, Grover Whyte of the Torrance Herald, and Chief of Police John Stroh. Mrs. De Lord's entry was chosen unanimously by the judges as the best essay on the subject.

## Three Companies Receive Bids for City's Insurance

Three insurance companies received the Torrance City Council nod on \$15,000 worth of premiums for 1952 in an agenda meeting, it was revealed today.

Companies to be favored with city contracts were the Lund Company, W. E. Bowen, and Torrance General Insurance. Council official approval in a regular meeting was expected at the regular meeting last night.

City Manager George Stevens said that 16 categories of insurance were involved in the bids.

## Water Experiment Progress Goes On

Substantial progress is being made with plans for the injection well experiment to be started by the Metropolitan Water Board after the first of the year.

Recently the Board of Supervisors approved 15 new positions to provide personnel for the Flood Control Districts to carry out the experiment.



American Way essay contest winner, Mrs. Jean S. De Lord, is shown seated in the center, holding her dog, Terry. Grouped around her are left to right: Publisher of the Torrance Herald, Grover Whyte; Salvation Army Representative J. C. Bell; Chief of Police John Stroh; Publisher of the Torrance Press Mrs. M. L. Owens; and McMahan Furniture Store Manager Charles Markland. Whyte, Stroh and Mrs. Owens served as judges for the Crosley contest in which Mrs. De Lord won \$300 in merchandise.

## Soldier Toohill Returns to Torrance from Korea

Pfc. Philip Toohill came back from Korea aboard the USNS Sgt. Woodford, just in time to be with his folks in Torrance for the holidays. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. George Toohill who live in Apartment 20 at 1830 Torrance Blvd. Young Toohill will be 20 years of age Jan. 10. He is in the 78th Anti-Aircraft Battalion, in Korea.

He enlisted at 17 years of age. Two years ago, before he had been sent to Korea, he was summoned home at Christmas from Fort Lewis, Wash., on an emergency. His father was not expected to live. At the time, his parents lived in the Cozy Courts in Lomita.

"Seeing our son in Torrance will brighten up the holidays a good deal," declared Mrs. Toohill. "While his father isn't well, no emergency exists this year."

"Philip will have completed three years of service on Jan. 22," said his mother. "If the new or-



Pfc. PHILIP TOOHILL

Korean President Sygmond Rhee for his courage in battle when the Korean Republic was attacked on June 25, 1950.

## City Officials Release '52 Election Calendar

Here is the calendar of election events for 1952 as released at the City Hall at Torrance this week:

Notice of election will be officially announced no earlier than Feb. 8 and no later than March 8. Feb. 8 is also the first day that nomination papers may be taken out for candidates.

Feb. 14—Voter registration and transferring of registration closes. This is 53 days before the election.

Feb. 28 at 12 noon is the last time nomination papers may be filed with City Clerk A. H. Bartlett at the City Hall.

**LAST DAY**  
March 8 is important for two reasons: It is the last day the City Council may appoint election officers and designate polling places, and it is the last day to publish or post notice of an election.

Following the closing of nomination paper, it shall be the duty of the City Clerk to publish a list of the nominees, in alphabetical

## Father, Son Open Produce Business

Skip's Produce, a father and son partnership opened its doors in the Ideal Ranch Market about two weeks ago.

"Although we've only been open a short time," said Skip, "my son Duane and I are deeply appreciative of the support people in Torrance have given us."

Skip said that his son is 16 and helps after school, and on Saturdays and Sundays.

"Duane and I haul our produce from the city," said Skip. "However, as much as possible, we try to buy from the farmers in Torrance."

Skip and Duane said that prices in their produce stand are competitive.

"Compare our prices," they challenged.

"The Ideal Place to buy produce," they said, "is the Ideal Market on Torrance Blvd."

## Big Strike Still Looms

Columbia Steel workers were still holding their breaths today—hoping that differences between U. S. Steel and Union Leaders would not force them to face the New Year by walking the picket line.

Company officials reported that the employee union contract expires Dec. 31 at midnight. It was revealed that the union and members of the U. S. Steel corporation are huddling in Washington in a desperate attempt to iron out difficulties before next Monday.

"No news, in this case," said one worker, "is bad news. Our paychecks stop unless we get a contract."

## Post Office to Sell 2-cent Card, Jan. 1

Beginning January 1 the post office will no longer accept one cent postal cards, Mrs. Clara Conner, Torrance Postmaster, emphasized today. She urged all residents of this area to stock up on the new two-cent cards. The one cent cards will be acceptable if someone has a few around by attaching a penny stamp.

"Collectors have been to see us about the new two cent cards," said Mrs. Conner, "but we can't release them until January 1, 1952. The new card, as the old one cent card, carries an imprint of Benjamin Franklin.

There is one difference between the new and old card. The new card has the imprint of printer Franklin in a red block. The old card carried his picture in a green circle.

## Police Question Robbery Observer

LOMITA — Sheriff's detectives are quizzing a woman who reported she saw the two robbers leave a food market at Narbonne Ave. and Pacific Coast Hwy. after they forced the store manager to open the safe and hand over \$4600 last week.

Name of the witness is being withheld by detectives as a safety measure for the woman's protection. Ben Pfeifle, manager of the store has scanned picture files at Lennox Sheriff's Station but could not identify the one bandit he saw.

Pfeifle saw only a portion of one bandit's face, he reported. The second gunman remained outside the rear door.

## K. Sande Senness Elected to Office

K. Sande Senness, developer of tract homes in Torrance, this week was elected vice-president of the Home Builders Institute of Los Angeles.

Within the past year Senness' name has been in the center of a controversy circulating around oil dumps and gravel pits in the Pacific Hills area.

Some residents of the area which adjoins Walteria have claimed that Senness promised the prospective home buyers that nuisances in this locality would be removed.

## Payroll Goes Up

Approximately \$100,000 will be allocated for beautifying and enlarging Longren's Aircraft at 2576 Carson Street, permits filed at the City Engineer's office revealed this week.

Reports from the office of Hampden Wentworth, vice president and general manager of the company, showed that the building will be 22,000 square feet in size after the expansion is completed.

It was disclosed that once the construction program is consummated Longren's will hire an additional 100 workers—thereby adding \$40,000 per month to the firm's payroll.

At present the aircraft company employs 160 workers with a payroll of \$60,000 per month.

It was also revealed that a recent survey among employees showed that 87% of all workers hired by the company, live in Torrance.

While Longren's has contracts with several concerns, the major bulk of its work is furnished by the United States government.

"Don't ask me how many we make nor the number that work on any phase of the product," a firm member said. "You know, it's a military secret. While we'd like to brag a little about the number of missiles turned out by our firm, we feel that safety of our armed forces should at all times be our primary concern."

## New Rule--No Work No Pay

Unemployment insurance claims filed on and after January 1, 1952, are subject to a new provision of the California Unemployment Insurance Act, Mrs. Winona Ellis, manager of the Torrance office of the State Department of Employment, said today.

"Heretofore, an individual, if otherwise eligible, could file a claim for benefits and draw out his award; and on the anniversary date of his original claim, file another claim and draw additional benefits without the necessity of having worked during that year," Mrs. Ellis said.

"The new amendment makes this impossible since it is now mandatory that a claimant earn sufficient wages during the year that he draws unemployment insurance benefits to qualify for a claim during the following year."

Local seasonal workers who follow a pattern of employment year after year usually earn enough each year to qualify for insurance payments under the new provision, Mrs. Ellis said. "But," she added, "we expect there will be some persons who will fail to qualify under this new amendment."

Mrs. Ellis pointed out that the amendment does not apply to the receipt of benefits under the disability insurance provisions of the act.

## Union Demands Discussed Today

Employer affected by the mercantile contract with Retail Clerks' Union 905 are to discuss forthcoming negotiations at a meeting scheduled for this afternoon in the headquarters of the Harbor Area Employers' Council in Torrance, it was disclosed today by F. S. Se-

lover, secretary. The present contract expires Jan. 31 and the union is expected to ask a wage increase and other benefits in a new pact, it was indicated.

